

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Welcome to your new post at the FCC. As a new commissioner, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

Furthermore, as an aside to this current plan to change the collection of USF, I would urge you to review this tax and consider abolishing it as the American public generally doesn't understand its purpose. Why is it collected and how are these revenues used to make our phone services better. For the most part, America enjoys excellent phone service provided by private companies. Why is it necessary to collect these fees when I, as an individual, can walk to any corner shop and find a personal cellphone at anytime for all communication uses. Please get our government out of the communication business and let private industry and private citizens decide their destiny in matter of communication.

I urge you to do your best to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan, or better yet, abolish this "phony" phone tax. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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